

Minutes from Gambling Control Board Meeting
June 23, 2010

The June meeting of Maine's Gambling Control Board was held in the Gambling Control Board Room in Augusta on June 23, 2010.

Meeting was called to order at 12:40 P.M.

Members Present: George McHale (Chair), Harry Stickney, Richard Arnold and Cushing Samp.

Members Absent: Joe Laliberte.

Staff members present: Robert Welch (Executive Director), Scott Woods (Auditor), and Det. Don Armstrong (Maine State Police).

Legal Counsel: William Stokes Deputy Attorney General.

The minutes from the 5/19/10 Gambling Control Board meeting were reviewed.
Motion to Accept: Cushing Samp Second: Richard Arnold Passed: 4-0

Robert Welch gave the Executive Director's Report. The Board was updated on:

- a) Number of Police calls by Bangor PD to 500 Main St. – handout was prepared showing 5 calls to 500 Main St., 2 minor calls were off the gaming floor and 1 call was a Burglary to a Motor Vehicle from the Garage.
- b) Summer Meetings of Legal and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Legislature- LVA will hold hearings before November 3, 2010 to look at the way Racino funds are being distributed.
- c) There is now a requirement that groups receiving Racino Funds must file a report before December 2010 explaining how they use the funds. Those reports must go to the appropriate Legislative Committees having oversight.

Financial Update was given by Scott Woods. Mr. Woods gave out a memo from University of Maine outlining their use of Racino Funds.

Mr. Woods also gave out the Weekly Income Sheet and explained that he had added the Sci Games payment from Comp. 010110-01 to the 1% and 39% funds and reflected that on his sheet in a separate bullet point.

Maine State Police Report: Det. Don Armstrong of Maine State Police reported that there were no matters of concern for the Board that he has uncovered. There were 24 renewals, and there have been 5 theft cases referred to District Attorney's Office and 2 have been declined for prosecution, 3 are still pending. Det. Armstrong also stated that he is looking into two suspicious incidents.

Unfinished Business: Mr. Welch reported that the check from Scientific Games had been received ref: 010110-01 (New Year's Eve shutdown) and the matter was now closed.

New Business: Mr. Welch presented two regulatory complaints to the Board for action:

1. Comp 050710-01: Two TITO tickets were accepted by the Bally Slot system and cashed in violation of a MGCB rule. Upon investigation, it was determined that the system had been manually overridden by an employee and then cashed. H/Slots has reviewed the incident and amended their procedures so Player Services people will investigate any computer codes regarding duplicate tickets. Mr. Welch recommended that the case be closed since investigation showed it was human error and not system error.
2. Comp 051110-01: 15 new machines were shipped into the State without hard meters as required by Maine Law.
Mr. Welch reported that he had worked with the licensed Distributor and the Distributor had found their computer system allowed for installation of hard meters coming to Maine to be an option. That system has now been changed to make it mandatory installation of hard meters.
Motion By Cushing Samp, Second by Harry Stickney to send a warning letter to the Distributor and close the case. Motion approved 4-0.

Public Comments: John Osbourne of Hollywood Slots introduced two of the key executives from Hollywood Slots: Scott Welch, Director of Human Resources and Jason Birney, Director of Marketing.

Both men explained their backgrounds and their jobs and were welcomed by the Board. Mr. Osbourne said that the company is trying to introduce their key people to the regulatory Board.

Mr. Osbourne also discussed the horse track and some issues at the track.

Mr. Osbourne reported that his people are actively involved in discussions with local groups – Live Nature Concert Series Group and the Maine Center (Bangor Auditorium) Group.

Next meeting date was set for 8/11/10 at 1230.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

Robert P. Welch